

12 December 1950

MEMORANDUM TO MR. JACKSON:

The attached memorandum to General Smith is for your information.

Subsequent to this memorandum, Mr. Martin, the local representative of the Gannett newspapers, called to suggest that you and Gen. Smith have luncheon with the group of editors in a private dining room of the Carlton on Tuesday, 19 December. Following the luncheon, the editors would ask you off-the-record questions with regard to the organization, functioning and current requirements of the Central Intelligence Agency.

General Smith has declined this, stating that the President asked him to strive for anonymity and he is trying to do this as much as possible. I have so advised Mr. Martin and Mr. Lanigan. Martin asked if you would be willing to come alone. I assured him that I would convey this invitation to you, but that I felt sure your reply would be the same as the Director's. Martin appeared satisfied with this and stated that he fully appreciated the need for the rigid security requirements under which CIA must operate.

HJM